

**December 2004 - Early Action Compact Progress Report
Richland County**



1. In an effort to keep our contact information updated; please provide the following information for your county:

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2. List any progress (if applicable) since your June 2004 submittal? (stakeholder meetings, events held; special projects; etc.)

Richland County was a sponsor of the second Gas Can Exchange Event, which took place on October 16, 2004. (Richland County was also a sponsor of the Gas Can Exchange Event held in June.) Richland County staff attended the GROW Workshop earlier this fall, sponsored by DHEC. The County will also be applying for a grant via the Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition in early 2005. Richland County hopes to install its own E85 infrastructure for its fleet with the funding from this grant. The County is also considering converting existing storage tanks for E85 usage. Richland County will be purchasing 15 Alternative Fuel Vehicles this budget year. These units will be flex fuel vehicles, using E85 and gasoline. Richland County seeks to purchase at least 15 AFV's per year. The Land Development Code (LDC) has received third reading, and will be implemented on July 1, 2005. The LDC contains many positive, proactive land-use planning directives, including zoning regulations, design controls, and "green development" practices, each of which promotes smart growth, and thereby improves air quality. Richland County remains an active participant in the Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition / Clean Cities. The Richland County Administrator recently presented an Administrative Directive to all Richland County Directors regarding numerous Air Quality Awareness and Improvement Policies. This document is attached.

3. In March 2004, the local Early Action Plan included emission reduction strategies to be implemented no later than April 2005. Do you continue to be on schedule to implement those strategies? Yes: X No: _____

4. What assistance is needed from our office to assist you in implementing the emission reduction strategies by April 2005?
No assistance is required at this time. However, Richland County staff will contact DHEC staff when assistance is necessary.

5. Are you aware of activities being held within your county that were not included in the March 2004 EAP (i.e., gas can exchange events; public outreach and educational events; "Grow" workshops; are their cities within your county designated as "Tree City USA", etc.)?

Richland County is aware of, and sponsored many of the aforementioned Clean Air activities that have taken place since March 2004. Richland County was a sponsor of the June and October Gas Can Exchange Events, as well as a participant in the Grow workshop.

6. Do you have any requests for specific assistance from the Department and/or the EPA?

Richland County is very interested in pursuing grants related to Alternative Fuel Vehicles. This includes purchasing these vehicles, as well as installing the fueling infrastructure for these vehicles, be it retrofitting current storage tanks, or installing new facilities.

7. If possible, please provide electronic signatures of person(s) completing this report

Supervisor/Manager/Administrator: _____ Date: _____

EAC Contact: _____ Date: _____